

Makury language

Makury, or **Makury Naga** (sometimes spelled **Makuri**), is a Naga language of India and Burma. Shi (2009:3) and Saul (2005:25) suggest that Makury may be an Ao language.

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Classification

Makury is not close to other Naga languages that fall under Konyak-[Tangshang] and Angami-Zeme. Makury falls under Ao-Tangkhul linguistic group of southern Naga languages and is close to Naga languages that fall under the said language group. Müvlë (Longphuri) are a sub-tribe of Makury. In Eastern Nagaland, Myanmar, Makury, Somra Tangkhul and Para are closer than the other tribes in the north in terms of language (*Makury Tribal Council*).

Geographical distribution

Makury is spoken in Leshi Township, Homalin Township, and Lahe Township in Hkamti District, Sagaing Region, Myanmar. There are about 40,000 speakers in Myanmar, and about 25,000 in India.

Dialects

Ethnologue lists the following dialects of Makury.

- Mëkheotlë
- Sengphüvlë
- Aralë
- Jilë

Jongphüvlë (listed as *Kyaungphuri* in Ethnologue) is a Makury clan name (*Makury Tribal Council*).

Shi (2009:5) lists the following dialects of Makury.

- Phuvle, Makheotle

Makury	
Makury Naga	
Native to	India, Burma
Region	Nagaland
Ethnicity	Makury Naga
Native speakers	65,000 (2014-16) ^[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan (Tibeto-Burman) - Ao? Tangkhulic? Makury
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	jmn
Glottolog	maku1273 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/maku1273) ^[2]

- Sengphuvle, Muvle, Jeile

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